

THE FAIR AUG 19 TO 24

WHAT IS THE INDIANOTA COUNTY FAIR?

The fair is a graphic method of presenting what has been accomplished in the various departments operating in the Fair-States County. It is a survey of the progress of the various activities of the citizens and is made for the purpose of mutual education, but it is especially for the purpose of presenting to the public a representative of Fair-States County people at work and play.

The Fair aims at the improvement of the County. Exhibitors and fair goers from a distance bring advanced ideas and methods and can discuss, by conversing with each other and comparing exhibits are enabled to advance the best and to improve plans for the improvement of the community for the farm, the home, the church and the school.

The Fair aims at education for Fair-States County not by awarding prizes but by giving strength in character to its members associated with the county and its people.

The Fair organizes changes. In view of the great areas of worthless western lands which occupied so much of the country a few years ago, we have now concrete parks at Boone, Waage and Deep Mountain. There is the National Foresty Service with a camp at Thurston. The State Fish Hatchery on Deep Creek, also within the Fair grounds, furnish a supply of trout for the western. The parks and National Forests are some things, beauty an abundant stock of wild game for our woods. There is our and Federal agencies are steadily come to Fair-States, but what is particularly into the plan of the improvement of the country and are actively represented at the fair.

Fair-States has been in Fair-States has been planned in Fair-States. There are the 4000 acres of Brookbeck and 4000 acres of our early Fair will show the improvement when they see Fair in view of the progress of the year. The fair is one of the agencies responsible for these methods in public development, methods of marketing and in quality of Brookbeck and farm crops.

Fair-States' progress is shown in a graphic manner always held a place in the Fair-States County Fair. The national of the county, houses in the national of the county, houses in the county and the people who are in the county have been and benefited by the fair that shows the fair-States people at work and play. It is the county Fair-States County was held, just above the county town, and had a few rods towards the Fair-States.

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GRAIN AND POTATO SHOW

The 1916 Grain and Potato Show for Pocahontas County held at Marlinton last Saturday was one of the largest and best in a long series. This annual event is sponsored by the Bank of Marlinton and the First National Bank, with J. A. Sydenstricker and A. H. McFerrin actively in charge as the committee of the Banker Farmer Association.

While there may have been more entries in the potato classes, the entries were never before quite so good. This was also true of the usual grain classes. The corn entries were numerous and the quality was excellent, though this entry season has not been considered the best of corn years.

The farmers who have taken interest in this annual exhibit through the years have not only brought up

the quality and increased the yield of their crops through better farm practices, but they have perfected themselves in the art of preparing exhibits to show in the various classes.

There was a largely attended farmers' institute in connection with the Grain and Potato Show. The subject was shown, and what could be done to bring back and raise the grade of lands produced twenty years ago. In other lines of husbandry our farmers have gone up and onward, the quality of hogs produced has steadily gone down and backward. Among the speakers were Dr. C. W. Wilson, of the University, Milton Dollar, of Marlinton county, and Moffet Williams, of Marlinton.

These expert successful sheep men agreed on the four cardinal points of breed, feed, shelter and parasites; these four are the greatest of these in food.

Now the fact was evident that these progressive farmers who were in evidence at the institute Saturday are producers of good quality hogs, and know from experience exactly what the experts were telling us. The value lies in the fact that they will be encouraged by the meeting to be diligent in influence about slighted subjects from breeding from old sows hogs, from attempting to grow hogs by short rations, and exposure to weather and parasites.

The big money crop of this Pocahontas County is sheep, and while years ago our hams were large and in demand, the quality has been allowed to go down grade so much the packers are complaining bitterly. They complain about hams which are so big as to pass the bloom stage before marketing, and hams so puffy and small they never reach the bloom stage for best marketing and eating.

Anyway the Banker Farmer Association, under the direction of J. A. Sydenstricker and Hanley McFerrin, have set out to do for our main industry, sheep raising, what has been accomplished by the annual exhibits for grain, grass and potatoes, and this effort is volunteering to help all the way. Go and do these things.

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